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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 3799th meeting of the Security Council, held on 11 July 1997 in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in Cambodia", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council is gravely concerned at recent developments in Cambodia, including violence, which have the effect of jeopardizing continued progress of the Cambodian peace process, and calls for an immediate end to the fighting.

"The Security Council reaffirms the need to respect the principles of national unity, territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

"The Security Council calls upon all parties to respect fully their commitments under the Paris Agreements on Cambodia. It urges them to resolve their differences through peaceful means and political dialogue and in accordance with the spirit of national reconciliation.

"The Security Council calls upon the parties again to ensure the effective and smooth operation of constitutional institutions.

"The Security Council condemns all acts of violence and calls on all parties to ensure the safety and security of persons, and to respect the principles and rules of humanitarian law.

"The Security Council reminds the Cambodian Government of its public undertaking that free and fair legislative elections would be held in May 1998. It stresses the importance of this electoral process.

"The Security Council welcomes and supports all efforts to promote dialogue among the parties, including those undertaken by the countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and other Signatory States of the Paris Agreements on Cambodia.

"The Security Council will remain seized of the matter."

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